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Hiko Bell Mining and Oil Company
P.O. Box 1845
Vernal, Utah 84078

Dear Gentlemen:

Hiko Bell Mining and Oil Company is the operator in the case of an expired notice UTU66358 (the operations were within portions of lots 13 and 14, Section 6, Township 5 South, Range 24 East, Salt Lake Meridian). About four (4) acres of disturbance from past placer mining operations have yet to be reclaimed. Reclamation of the disturbances was ordered in a November 2000 Notice of Noncompliance. You were afforded several extensions of time to reclaim. You did not apply for an extension of the notice and our office issued a "notice expired" decision in June 2002. That decision, which you did not appeal, ordered certain reclamation steps be promptly undertaken. It has now been over two years since that decision was issued and a May 21, 2004 inspection reveals none of the reclamation ordered has been accomplished.

I have decided to proceed with the reclamation of the area utilizing BLM personnel and equipment. The reclamation is targeted to be completed by the end of September 2004. We will request that the expenses incurred be recoup through Civil Action (as provided for under 43 CFR 3809.604(a)).

You are welcome to contact Howard Cleavinger or Peter Sokolosky of this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William Stringer
Vernal Field Manager

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